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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 18th/January, through Sunday, 25th/January there were 223 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV9, T2, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V5, V7, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

4S7, SRI LANKA. Members from Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club(LARC) will be here from **March 3-8th**. They will be operating all bands on SSB and CW. Operators will be Frank/DJ3FK, Bernd/DK7TF, Karl/DL4FP and Rudi/DK7PE. If possible, Rudi DK7PE will try some 160m, depending on the antennas possibilities. Rudi tells OPDX that callsigns are not known yet, but they should be: DK7PE (**4S7PEG**), DK7TF (**4S7DLG**), DL4FP (**4S7**G** not known) and DJ3FK (**4S7**G** not known).

9M6, EAST MALAYSIA. Nakamura, JE1JKL, will be active as **9M6NA** in the **ARRL DX**

CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/Single Band (80m) entry. Activity will be from **Labuan Island (OC-133)** between **February 17th and March 2nd**. Outside of the contest, look for him on 160 and 80 meters. QSL via JE1JKL. E-mail requests for Bureau QSLs are OK via: 9m6na@jsfc.org Visit his Web page at: <http://jsfc.org/je1jkl/9m6na.html>

9Y, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. Look for Walter/DL8JS, Ulla/DF6QP, Alfons/DJ8VC, Eberhard/DJ8OT and Hannelore/DH5JR to be active this week as **9Y4/homecall** until **February 14th**. They are expected to be active daily between 0900-1800z on the following suggested frequencies: 14277, 21377 and 28377 kHz. QSL to their home callsign via the DARC bureau.

AX, AUSTRALIA (Attention Bird Watchers!). According to the Wireless Institute of Australia, all VK amateurs can use the **AX** prefix on **January 26th** (their local time, this is a national holiday). ADDED NOTE: David, VK5DG, states "Circumstances permitting I will be using **AX5DG** on AO-40 during the 06:00 to 11:30 UTC window. AO-40 will be over the Pacific ocean during this time."

DXCC RULE CHANGE. Wayne Mills, N7NG, ARRL Membership Service Dept. Manager, sent out the following ARRL News Release (Dated January 20th):

At its January meeting in Windsor, Connecticut, the ARRL Board of Directors removed paragraph 1.c) from the criteria for determining a DXCC Entity. This provision, implemented in 1998 as part of the DXCC 2000 Program, had provided that "An Entity will be added to the DXCC List as a Political Entity if it ...has a separate IARU Member Society." Since that time, the rule has allowed for the addition of four new DXCC Entities and the retention of one existing Entity.

At the time it was not expected that this would create difficulties with the administration of the IARU. Unfortunately, the provision has had the unintended consequence of stimulating applications for IARU membership that do not further the objectives of the IARU, creating an unfortunate and unnecessary administrative burden.

The rule change will have no effect on those Entities created by or as the result of the rule. According to DXCC Rule II, 5. C), "A change in the DXCC Criteria shall not affect the status of any Entity on the DXCC List at the time of the change."

The other two criteria for the determination of a Political Entity for DXCC continue in effect:

- a. The entity is a UN Member State.
- b. The entity (except international organizations) has been assigned a callsign prefix block by the ITU.

The text of the Board resolution reads:

WHEREAS, the DXCC 2000 program adopted by the Board in 1998 included changes to the criteria for a DXCC entity, and

WHEREAS, one of the new criteria makes separate IARU membership the basis for determination of a "political entity," and

WHEREAS, this rule has served a constructive purpose with respect to existing IARU societies, but WHEREAS, the rule also has had unforeseen consequences in creating an incentive for the creation of proposed IARU societies that do not further the objectives of the IARU, and

RECOGNIZING that elimination of the rule has no effect on the DXCC entities that already have been created as a result of the rule,

RESOLVED, that the DXCC rules are hereby amended by deleting IARU membership as a basis for determination of a "political entity."

DX CONVENTION. The **DX Convention in Visalia** will be held **April 23-25th**. For details and updated information, please visit the following Web page at:
<http://www.scdxc.org/visalia/index.html>

FM,MARTINIQUE. Danny, T93M, will be active as **FM/T93M** in the **CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28th)** as a Single-Op/All Band/High Power entry. QSL via DJ2MX. Visit his Web page at: <http://www.t93m.com>

FR/E, EUROPA (Some Interesting Reading). Jean Michel, F6AJA, informs OPDX readers that if you need some information about Europa Island, you can visit the following Web site at: <http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr> Go to "articles parus" or "published articles" and choose "Europa". In this article, you can find a complete set of QSL cards (18 total) that were issued from operations from this island.

FS, FRENCH ST. MARTIN. Craig, AH8DX, will be active as **FS/AH8DX** in the **ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd)** as a Single-Op/All Band/High Power entry. QSL via AH8DX.

HF0, SOUTH SHETLAND. Voytek, **HF0QF**, is currently active from Poland's **Henryk Arctowski base station at Rakusa Point, King George Island** until **December**. Activity will be on all bands (80-10 meters) CW/SSB. He was spotted on 40 meters SSB (7056 kHz) and 80 meters CW (3513 kHz) this week. Wanda, SP7IWA, handles his QSL cards. She is having them printed, so please be patient.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-049.** Operator Toru/JI5USJ and Makoto/JI5RPT will be active as **JA6PSE** (SSB and RTTY) and **JA6PSI** (CW only), respectively, from **Tokara Arc** (Takara Island; J.I.I.A.: AS-049-012; WLH-0884 TAKARA SHIMA - Araki Saki; G.Loc.: PL49od and JCG:46006) from February 24th to March 2nd. Activity will be on 160-10 meters on CW/SSB/RTTY using 200w into the following antennas: Dipoles (for 160/80,40,30m), two element phased vertical antenna (for 40m), 20/15/10m 2 element yagi and a 17/12m HB9CV. QSL JA6PSE via JI5USJ (Bureau or CBA). QSL JA6PSI via JI5RPT (Bureau or CBA). Visit their Web page at: <http://www.aa.alpha-net.ne.jp/ji5rpt/as-049/>

J43, GREECE. In the upcoming **CQ WPX RTTY Contest (February 14-15th)**, look for SV1CIB, SV3FUO and SV3BSF to operate from SV3BSF's shack in a Multi-Single HP category with the callsign **J43BSF**. QSL via SV1CIB.

J6, ST.LUCIA (Update to [OPDX.636](#)). Scott, N9AG/J68AS, a member of the **J6DX** team expected to be here between **February 11-25th** for contesting and vacation, announced they have plans for a big effort on 160 meters. They will have an Inverted-L antenna, about 65 feet tall, on the side of the hill and a KW. The antenna will have a favorable path to the north and through the west to the southeast, but they are blocked by a hill toward Europe. They will be active on **160m** beginning about **February 14th**, Scott suspects.

JW, SVALBARD. Rag, LA5HE, will once again be active as **JW5HE** from **February 12-18th**. There will be an emphasis on the low bands and CW. QSL via his home callsign.

KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLAND. Rick, K6VVA, informs OPDX that he will be active as **KP2CW** in the **ARRL CW DX Contest (February 21-22nd)** as a Single-Op/All Band/High Power entry. QSL via K6VVA. Rick will be there between **February 18-24th**. He tells OPDX that his activity outside of the contest will be on Thursday (2/18) and some on Friday (2/19) - All Bands as they are opening, but also doing setup/testing. He will also be active primarily on CW. The NCCC Co-Founder Rick, K6VVA, emerges from DX/Contest Mothballs after 25+ years and hopes to QSO many old friends!

LZ35, BULGARIA. Gosho, LZ1ZF, will be using the special callsign **LZ35ZF** to celebrate his **35th anniversary** of being active on the Amateur Radio bands. The special callsign **LZ35ZF** will be available **until December 31, 2004**, on all bands and modes. QSL to LZ1ZF via the Bureau.

MOST WANTED DXCC LIST FOR SATELLITE! Scott, NX7U, reports, "Now that AMSAT-OSCAR 40 has been operational for some time, there are more and more individuals and DXpeditions expressing an interest in including a satellite station in their plans. It would seem to be a good time to compile a current 'Most Wanted' DX list for satellite. Please submit to me nx7u@arrl.net a list of DXCC entities CONFIRMED...any satellite, anytime. A simple text file with a single column of prefix or name will be fine. Hopefully this won't be a burden on paper-loggers. Please remember to include your own call. Remember--the more responses received, the more accurate and useful the information will be. I will compile the responses and post them on a Web page (URL to be announced). Please pass this information along to any Satellite DXer who may not get this directly. Thanks for your participation!"

P4, ARUBA. Andy, AE6Y, will be active as **P40Y** from **February 15-22nd**. His activity will include an entry in the **ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd)**. Activity outside of the contest will be on 160-10 meters including the WARC bands. However, his activity before the contest will be limited because Andy told OPDX that he has a lot of station maintenance to do. QSL via AE6Y.

PJ2, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. Operators Martin/NW0L, Tom/AE9B, Geoff/W0CG, Jeff/K8ND and Jerry/WB9Z will activate the **PJ2T** contest station on **Curacao** during the **ARRL DX Phone Contest (March 6-7th)** as a Multi/2 entry. QSL via N9AG.

PJ7, ST. MAARTEN. Bil/W8EB and his wife Dorothy/W8DVC will be on the island from

February 15th through March 21st. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Bil's callsign will be **PJ7/W8EB**. His activity will include a Single-Op/All Band entry in the **ARRL DX CW Contest** as **PJ7/W8EB** and a Multi-Op/High Power entry (with K8RLM) in the **ARRL DX Phone Contest** as **PJ7B**. QSL both contests via W8EB. His equipment: FT-100D, Averatec Laptop, Ameritron 811H amplifier, WriteLog and DX4WIN software, Cushcraft R-7000 vertical for 10 thru 40, long wire for 80 and 160.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Jaak, ES1FB, has reported that he has uploaded the logs to the **LoTW** for the following stations: **3W6KM**, **JW/ES1AKM** and **XU7ACE**.
- **HA2004 QSL INFO.** On May 1st, Hungary will become a full member of the of the European Union. To celebrate this event, look for special callsigns HA2004EU (QSL via HA5XXA) and HA2004UNI (QSL via HA6QT) to be active during the year.
- Ken, W8LU, advises OPDX readers that he has uploaded all computer logs for **KL7Y** to the **ARRL LOTW**. The upload was 148,000 QSOs and includes all KL7Y QSOs back through 1994.
- **CHECK YOUR QSL ROUTE AND DATABASES!** Vaclav, OK1DXE, informs OPDX that his **5N0W** and **5N0HVC** activity and mission from Nigeria ended at the end of 2003. He has already started to work on his QSL cards, and the first batch of QSLs should be in the mail this week. However, he mentions that because 5N0W was used in the past by David, OK1RK, and he has registrated this information with most QSL servers, Vaclav feels most of the QSLs were sent to him and perhaps lost. He has only received a few requests for this callsign. Vaclav, used the 5N0W callsign from July 1st, 2000, until the end of 2003. If you have not received a QSL card yet, please send your QSL again to OK1DXE via direct or the OK QSL Bureau.
- **QSL MANAGER ANNOUNCED FOR 9V0A!** Alan, VK4AAR, informs OPDX that he has just been asked to manage the QSL cards for 9V0A (Patriot Hills ... about 1,500 Kms south of Peter One Island and near the South Pole). Alan states, "Cards won't be ready for a little while as the operator is now headed to Africa on work for a couple of weeks and still has to get his log ready for me on his return. So... patience! Bear in mind that our Aussie dollar is still getting stronger against the U.S. dollar but IT IS STILL THE PREFERRED WAY (IRCs can be a problem)." Please QSL DIRECT ONLY to VK4AAR: Alan Roocroft, P.O. Box 421, GATTON 4343, Australia.
- **NEW QSL MANAGER!** Zik, DL/VE3ZIK, reports that Nenad, VE3EXY is the new QSL Manager for: **VK9LX**, **VK9LX/9**, **H40XX**, **H44XX**, **VK1AA/2** and **VK1AA/4**.
- **QSL VY2ZM** via K1ZM. Operators were K1ZM, WW2Y, K2WI and VK6VZ. Their activity was this past weekend in the **CQ 160-Meter CW Contest**. Steve. VK6VZ states that the team was "Powered by Vegemite sandwiches.."
- Operators Anthony/K2SG, Tom/K2TW, Peter/KU2C, Bob/N2OO, Robert/N2HM, Gerald/W1GD, Martin/W2CG, John/W2GD, Dan/W2NO and William/W2RQ were active as **W2GD** in the **CQ 160-Meter CW Contest** this past weekend as a Multi-Op entry. QSL this 160m operation ONLY to W2CG. Activity was a portable operation from the former Coast Maritime CW Station. They used a Multi-element Vertical array hung from 100M tower in a salt marsh. They also used an Inverted - L and 6 beverages (NE, E, S, SW, W and NW).
- **QSL YU9VK** (op. HA7VK) via HA0HW. Laci, HA0HW, states that this is the ONLY YU9 prefix active on the bands!

- Bill, W9OL, announced he just put the **YB1AQC** log and The FIRST operations of **ZD8XX** (August 5-24th, 1989) onto the **LoTW**. The ZD8XX 1991 log will be loaded after transcription. Bill states, "I will continue to provide hardcard QSLs upon request. USA only require a SASE. Non USA only require a SAE, 1 IRC is sufficient. All bureau requests will be replied via the bureau. If you feel that you have a QSO that is not included in the LoTW log, feel free to E-mail me with particulars and I will re-examine the log." His E-mail address is: w9ol@billnjudy.com

SFDXA AND MIAMI TROPICAL HAMBOREE. The South Florida DX Association (FDXA) is pleased to announce that the Speaker for DX Forum, at the Tropical Hamboree on Saturday morning at 10:30 AM, February 7th, will be Bob Schenck, N2OO. Bob has been to many terrific DX locations, so it is hard to name them all. He will give a presentation on the recent BQ9P Pratas Island DXpedition. Bob and the group were on Pratus this past October and after that highly successful operation, he continued on to Borneo as 9M6OO. Visit his Web sites to read more about his travels at: <http://www.qsl.net/n2oo/>, Pratas Island BQ9P: <http://www.qsl.net/n2oo/history/bq9p.htm>, and Borneo 9M6OO: <http://www.qsl.net/n2oo/history/9m6oo.htm> For more SFDXA and Miami Hamboree information, please visit The South Florida DX Association Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/k4fk/> Tropical Hamboree (February 7-8th) at: <http://www.hamboree.org>

SX1, GREECE. Kostas, SV1DPI, will be using the special callsign, **SX1A**, to operate in contests **until June 2004**. He was active this past weekend in the **BARTG Contest** and is expected to be in the **CQ WPX RTTY Contest** as a Single-Op/All Band/Low Power entry. He will also be in the ARRL International CW and SSB Contesto with the same callsign, SX1A, as a Single-Op/All Band/Low Power entry. QSL SX1A via SV1DPI.

VP5, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS. Operators Gyuri (George)/HA5JI, Gyuri (Geo)/VE3NZ and Lali/VE3NE will be active from **Caicos Islands (NA-002)** for a few more days as **VP5/homecall (until January 29th)**. The trio was active over the past weekend as **VP5JI** during the **CQ 160 CW Contest**. All QSL cards are via HA8FW either via the Hungarian Bureau or direct to his address at QRZ.COM. His E-mail address is: ha8fw@freemail.hu QSL cards will be ready after the 1st of April.

YI, IRAQ (Update). Dwayne, KE4RVT, is now active with the callsign **YI9RVT**. He was heard on 20 meters CW (QRP) this past weekend. Remember, he will be operating CW/SSB QRO/QRP on 40-10 meters. He will be in Iraq for 12-18 months and will be operating during his downtime from work. Dwayne states a standard QSL will be available or an E-QSL.

YO DX HF 2003 CONTEST SCORES (ed. And I do not mean YAO!). Ciprian, N2YO, reports that the **2003 YO DX HF Contest** scores are now available on the Romanian Amateur Radio Federation Web site at: <http://www.hamradio.ro> The final results can be directly accessed here: <http://www.hamradio.ro/contests/yodxhf2003/> Ciprian states, "Congratulations to the winners" and many thanks to all testers and their check logs. Printed awards will be sent via post mail.

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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